

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 168

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5154 on its seventy-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5154 in Blount County was chartered on January 30, 1946, and celebrates its seventy-fifth anniversary in 2021; and

WHEREAS, for the past seventy-five years, VFW Post 5154 has followed the mission of the national organization by faithfully helping America's service members, veterans, and their families in need; and

WHEREAS, the membership of VFW Post 5154 has tirelessly raised funds and donated money and supplies to several veterans' organizations, including Mountain Home Veterans Hospital, the Ben Atchley Veterans Home, and Wreaths Across America; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary organization has also supported a number of worthy causes, such as "Remembering the 22" and Veteran Suicide Awareness events; and

WHEREAS, the VFW Post 5154 has been located at its present facility, adjacent to the McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, since 1954, and boasts a Post membership of 340 members and a Post Auxiliary membership of seventy; and

WHEREAS, two members of Post 5154 have served as Department of Tennessee Commanders, leading over 17,000 VFW members in the State of Tennessee: Wilber S. "Doc" Barker (1974-1975) and Lloyd Hansen (2019-2020); and

WHEREAS, VFW Post 5154 received the prestigious honor of being named a Veterans of Foreign Wars All American Post in 2015, 2017, and 2018 and a Department of Tennessee All-State VFW Post in 2014, 2015, 2017, and 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5154 has been committed to helping America's service members, veterans, and their families as their top priority over the past seventy-five years and is worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5154 upon the celebration of its seventy-fifth anniversary and thank the members for the many invaluable contributions they have made to their community and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.